THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The Ministry of External Affairs received a note verbale on 28th March, 2002 from the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan informing that some charter flight operator was trying to obtain an over-flight and landing permission using forged copies of their diplomatic notes verbal.

(b) to (d) On receipt of the above mentioned note verbale, the Ministry took up the matter immediately with the concerned authorities which resulted in apprehension of this illegal operation.

(e) Revised guidelines have since been issued by the Ministry for issuance of clearances for over-flights and landing of unscheduled flights.

Dialogue between India and U.S.A.

4576. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and U.S.A. have started a broad-based dialogue which would include Indo-Pak relations development in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the, outcome of the talks held and whether India and U.S.A. have agreed to reduce the tensions on borders between India and Pakistan and other neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, to what extent U.S.A. has agreed to help and assist in reducing the tension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) India and the United States have a broad-based dialogue architecture to discuss, besides bilateral relations, global, Asian and regional political, economic and security issues.

(b) and (c) The talks have deepened mutual understanding on these issues. Government pursues relations with India's neighbours on a bilateral basis and through SAARC, without involvement of any other country, including the United States.